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# The New England College of Optometry

## *Commencement Exercises 2003*



*Saturday, the thirty-first of May  
The Boston Park Plaza Hotel  
Boston, Massachusetts*



# Commencement Program

## Processional

*Marshall*

Richard Laudon, OD – Associate Professor

## Invocation

Reverend Colin L. Leitch

## Welcome

Alan Laird Lewis, OD, PhD – President

Norman Spector, JD – Chairman, Board of Trustees,  
New England College of Optometry

Sally Deane, EdM, MPH, - Chairman, Board of Directors,  
New England Eye Institute

## Conferral of Honorary Degrees

David A. Marco, Doctor of Humane Letters

*Introduced by* Ronald R. Ferrucci, OD, Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees  
Thomas F. Reilly, JD, Doctor of Humane Letters

## Commencement Address

Attorney General Thomas F. Reilly

## Valedictory Address

Katie M. Field, Valedictorian, Class of 2003

## Presentation of Candidates

David Heath, OD, EdM – Vice President/Dean of Academic Affairs

## Presentation of Degrees

*Hooding the Candidates:*

Barry Barresi, OD, PhD, - President of New England Eye Institute

Richard Laudon, OD – Associate Professor

## Pledge

Dr. Lewis will lead the graduates in the Optometric Oath

## Benediction

Reverend Colin L. Leitch

## Recessional

*Reception immediately following ceremony in the Stanbro Room.*

# Doctor of Optometry Degree Recipients

John Murray Adams OD 05/31/03

Michael Robert Adams OD 05/31/03

Edgar Castro Aguilar OD 05/31/03

Laura J. Ahn OD 05/31/03

Jennifer M. Anders OD 05/31/03

Philip Michael Arsenault OD 05/31/03

Baharak Asefzadeh OD 05/31/03

Alison Ann Baikal OD 05/31/03

Kayla B. Baker OD 05/31/03

Judith Melanie Balberan OD 05/31/03

SA/INT Ajit Bhoopchand + OD 05/08/03

Nokhram Boodhoo OD 05/31/03

Sarah Ann Boulais OD 05/31/03

Heather Anne Bourdeau OD 05/31/03

James Brent Brown OD 05/31/03

ADDP Ebony Yohari Browne OD 05/31/03

Mihai Busuioac \* OD 05/08/03

Jenette Lynn Cantrell OD 05/31/03

Michael D. Carstens OD 05/31/03

Michelle Monica Chap OD 05/31/03

Gene Chang OD 05/31/03

Chester Chen OD 05/31/03

Kai-May Chen OD 05/31/03

MS/OD Shihao Chen OD 05/31/03 (CHINA)

ASIP Chi-Ming Cheung + OD 05/31/03

ASIP Geeta Chowdhary + OD 05/31/03

James Chuang OD 05/31/03

SA/INT Christine Aristeia Croker + OD 12/09/02

ADDP Weihua Ding \* OD 12/08/03

Sarah Lindsay Durant OD 05/31/03

ASIP Luke Irabor Esekheigbe + OD 05/31/03

Shirin A. Esmail OD 05/31/03

Ifeoma Lawretta Ezeani OD 05/31/03

Christina Farag OD 05/31/03

Brenda Marie Faulhaber OD 05/31/03

Katie M. Field OD 05/31/03

Micki M. Flynn OD 05/31/03

Matthew D. Foley OD 05/31/03

Matthew James Francis OD 05/31/03

Eva Fung

Mount Pleasant, New Brunswick,  
Canada

Boston, Massachusetts

El Centro, California

Houston, Texas

Elkton, Maryland

Stoughton, Massachusetts

Winchester, Massachusetts

Kensington, Connecticut

Waltham, Massachusetts

Coquitlam, British Columbia

Western Cape, South Africa

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Danielson, Connecticut

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Atlanta, Georgia

Dacula, Georgia

Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Sarasota, Florida

Saco, Maine

Cornwall, Ontario, Canada

Rosemead, California

Brooklyn, New York

Poughkeepsie, New York

Wenzhou, Zhejiang, China

Hong Kong, China

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Flushing, New York

Gauteng, South Africa

Shenyang, Liaoning, China

Manchester, New Hampshire

Jamaica, New York

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Paulus Verdes Estate, California

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Ocala, Florida

Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Plattsburgh, New York

Newburyport, Massachusetts

Nashua, New Hampshire

Needham, Massachusetts

Marina Furman OD 05/31/03  
Jessica Pierce Gage OD 05/31/03  
Deidre Leah Gallant OD 05/31/03  
Marla Glick OD 05/31/03  
AJ/INT Martin St. John Grimbly + OD 09/08/03  
Nermeen Hamza OD 05/31/03  
Michael Charles Hans OD 05/31/03  
Erica Lyn Hill OD 05/31/03  
Jane Bucci Hill OD 05/31/03  
Bao Huy Hoang OD 05/31/03  
Matthew John Hochwalt OD 05/31/03  
Krister L. Holmberg OD 05/31/03  
Nghi Nina Huynh OD 05/31/03  
Benito A. Jaramillo OD 05/31/03  
PBP D. Glen Joseph + OD 05/31/03  
Cheryl DePaolo Jost OD 05/31/03  
Kristin Schuster Kenney OD 05/31/03  
Samala M. Khan OD 05/31/03  
Clara D. Kim OD 09/08/03  
Douglas Kim OD 05/31/03  
Penny Kin OD 05/31/03  
Josephus Knight Jr. OD 05/31/03  
AJ/INT Nina Kriel + OD 03/11/03  
Benh Lam OD 05/31/03  
Jacob Raymond Lang OD 05/31/03  
Carolyn Le OD 05/31/03  
DeAnne Elaine Leonard OD 05/31/03  
Ramonica Lewis OD 05/31/03  
Dennis J. Lin OD 05/31/03  
ADDP Ting Liu \* OD 09/08/03  
AS/OD Fan Lu OD 12/09/02  
Andrew Hoa Ly OD 05/31/03  
Reid Isao Mamiya OD 05/31/03  
Jenny Hiu-Chiu Mar OD 05/31/03  
ADDP Lance Earl McNaughton \* OD 09/08/03  
Matthew Joseph Modderno OD 05/31/03  
Katherine D. Moellendorf OD 05/31/03  
Allon Nejatheim OD 05/31/03  
Gina M. Nepomuceno OD 05/31/03  
Khuong An Nguyen OD 05/31/03  
Uyen Tran Nha Nguyen OD 05/31/03  
Joseph P. O'Brien OD 05/31/03  
Esther Sung-hee Ohn OD 09/08/03  
Sukumar Pandit OD 05/31/03  
Hanna Yemimi Park OD 05/31/03

Brighton, Massachusetts  
Orleans, Vermont  
Stephenville, Newfoundland, Canada  
Akron, Ohio  
Capetown, South Africa  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
Dix Hills, New York  
Pelham, New Hampshire  
Glocester, Rhode Island  
San Diego, California  
Dayton, Ohio  
Poulsbo, Washington  
Orange, California  
Battle Mountain, Nevada  
Boca Raton, Florida  
Milton, Massachusetts  
Watertown, Massachusetts  
Great Falls, Virginia  
Los Angeles, California  
Orange County, California  
Thornhill, Ontario, Canada  
Flint, Michigan  
East London, South Africa  
El Monte, California  
Glenwood, Minnesota  
Daly City, California  
Worcester, Massachusetts  
McCombs, Mississippi  
Monterey, California  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Zhejiang, China  
New Britain, Connecticut  
Anaheim Hills, California  
Flushing, New York  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
Staten Island, New York  
Kent, Washington  
Great Neck, New York  
Forked River, New Jersey  
Worcester, Massachusetts  
Fresno, California  
Allston, Massachusetts  
Modesto, California  
Triadelphia, West Virginia  
Austin, Texas

ADDP Nilpa Patel + OD 05/31/03  
 Nimali Subodh Patel OD 05/31/03  
 ABIP Nisha Patel + OD 05/31/03  
 Tanvi Dinesh Patel OD 05/31/03  
 Jodee A. Perretta OD 05/31/03  
 Hannah Ngoc-Ha Pham OD 05/31/03  
 Thien Chu Pham OD 05/31/03  
 Dana Yenlan Phan OD 05/31/03  
 Susan J. Pietz OD 05/31/03  
 Richard S. Price OD 05/31/03  
 Michael Aaron Purdy OD 05/31/03  
 Galina A. Rabkin OD 05/31/03  
 Amy S. Roan OD 05/31/03  
 Theadora Rossi OD 05/31/03  
 Blair Gregory Seelhammer OD 05/31/03  
 Vandhana Sharda OD 05/31/03  
 Mi-Jeong Shin OD 05/31/03  
 Kuljeet Singh OD 05/31/03  
 Rajni Singh OD 05/31/03  
 Paul Louis Sonenblum OD 05/31/03  
 Jamie Stonick OD 05/31/03  
 Paige G. Tang OD 05/31/03  
 Trisha Maria Tidd OD 05/31/03  
 Michelle Elizabeth Tiu OD 05/31/03  
 ABIP William Huyliem Trinh + OD 05/31/03  
 Kim Tho Vo OD 05/31/03  
 Mieu Dong Vo OD 05/31/03  
 Brendon Jon Weaver OD 05/31/03  
 Kimberly Dawn Woody OD 05/31/03  
 Emily Hope Workman OD 05/31/03

Wilmington, North Carolina  
 Wayne, New Jersey  
 Pinner, Middlesex, United Kingdom  
 Houston, Texas  
 Mechanicville, New York  
 Cypress, California  
 Salinas, California  
 Garden Grove, California  
 Mitchell, South Dakota  
 Webster, New York  
 Irwin, Ohio  
 Brookline, Massachusetts  
 Maitland, Florida  
 Hamden, Connecticut  
 Moorhead, Minnesota  
 Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
 Anchorage, Alaska  
 Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
 Brookline, Massachusetts  
 Monroe Township, New Jersey  
 Branford, Connecticut  
 Walnut, California  
 Kingston, New Hampshire  
 Las Vegas, Nevada  
 Sydney, Australia  
 Westminster, California  
 Medford, Massachusetts  
 Brighton, Massachusetts  
 Pensacola, Florida  
 Medina, Ohio

\* Accelerated Optometric Degree Program  
 + Advanced Standing International Program

## Bachelor of Science \* Degree Recipients

Oscar Ernest Castro BS 05/31/03	Miami Lakes, Florida
Vincent Wai-Hung Lam BS 05/31/03	Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Note: Degree is Bachelor of Science in Optometry

The information in this program should not be considered as verification that a degree was received.  
 All inquiries should be directed to the Registrar's Office.



## 2003 HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Thomas F. Reilly, Doctorate of Humane Letters, has served as the Commonwealth's 43<sup>rd</sup> attorney general since 1999. In that role he has been an enthusiastic advocate for the public in areas of energy, civil rights, education, women and seniors issues, and health care. When the state's largest HMO, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, encountered financial difficulty, Attorney General Reilly took immediate action to protect both patients and providers while allowing HPHC to re-enter the competitive health care market where it has continued to provide service to over one million members. He was instrumental in securing Massachusetts' share of the multi-million settlement with tobacco companies and has aggressively combated high tech and computer crimes by establishing a division within his office dedicated to the investigation and prosecution of cyber-criminals.

Attorney General Reilly has been active in ensuring the equitable treatment of health care professionals by ensuring that qualified practitioners are not unfairly excluded from participation in managed care panels and has supported anti-discrimination efforts in the health care field. His support for the rights of patients is a hallmark of his tenure in office.

The openness and accessibility of Attorney General Reilly's office is testament to his regard for the ordinary citizens of Massachusetts and ensures the closeness to consumers that have characterized his service.

A native of Springfield, he is a graduate of American International College and the Boston College Law School.

### David A. Marco

David A. Marco, Doctorate of Humane Letters, is President and CEO of Marco Ophthalmic, Inc., a leading developer and distributor of ophthalmic equipment, diagnostic instruments, and computerized products used by the eye care professions. A graduate of the Stetson University School of Business, he began his career in sales positions for Frontier Contact Lenses which became Vistakon when acquired by Johnson and Johnson. In 1981, he assumed the leadership of Marco Ophthalmic, the company founded by his father, Seymour Marco. Under his guidance, the company has become a world leader in supplying state of the art equipment to optometrists, ophthalmologists, and opticians. In addition to business responsibilities, Mr. Marco has served on Emory University's National Council of Medicine, has represented Florida to the White House Conference on Small Business, and has chaired the Jacksonville (FL) Aviation Authority. He has served on the Boards of Bolles High School, The River Garden Hebrew Home, and the Jacksonville Port Authority.

As President of the Seymour Marco Foundation, Mr. Marco quietly established what has become the single largest source of regular charitable support for optometric education. Over the past several years, the Marco Foundation has distributed several hundred thousand dollars to the schools and colleges of optometry in support of programs, scholarships and equipment, usually in the form of a ten year grant. The New England College of Optometry's Marco Computer Learning Facility was made possible by such a gift. Such a program is unique in the ophthalmic industry.

David A. Marco is a true philanthropist whose commitment to education has made a demonstrable difference in the quality of optometric training programs across the United States.

# Candidates for Residency Certification

## *Cornea and Contact Lenses*

Oliver Chen, OD  
Amy Croteau, OD

The New England College of Optometry  
The New England College of Optometry

## *Family Practice Optometry*

Kelly MacDonnell, OD

Dimock Community Health Center

## *Ocular Disease*

Krishna Krithivas, OD  
Charlie Alfano, OD  
Saundra Crisci, OD

Kittery Optometric Associates  
Ophthalmic Consultants of Boston  
D'Ambrosio Eye Care, Inc.

## *Pediatric Optometry*

Melissa Suckow, OD

The New England College of Optometry

## *Primary Eye Care*

Charlene Chateaufneuf, OD  
Raymond Chew, OD  
Sharena Mangal, OD  
Kristin Orabone, OD  
Jung Kim, OD  
Chi Hae Kwan, OD  
Manish Shah, OD  
Enrique Yepes-Hoyos, OD

VA Boston – West Roxbury Campus  
Manchester – VA Medical Center  
VA Connecticut – Newington Campus  
VA Connecticut – Newington Campus  
VA Boston – Brockton Campus  
VA Boston – West Roxbury Campus  
VA Boston – Brockton Campus  
VA Boston – Brockton Campus

## *Primary Eye Care – Geriatric Optometry*

William Avonda, OD  
Dwight Barnes, OD  
Jeffery Doot, OD  
Nyla Lambert, OD  
Theresa Volkert, OD

Bedford – VA Memorial Hospital  
VA Boston – Jamaica Plain Campus  
Bedford – VA Medical Center  
VA Boston – Jamaica Plain Campus  
VA Boston – Jamaica Plain Campus

## *Primary Eye Care - Low Vision Rehabilitation*

Margaret Adubor, OD  
Christine Burke, OD  
Erik Mohaber, OD

VA Connecticut – West Haven Campus  
VA Connecticut – West Haven Campus  
VA Connecticut – West Haven Campus

## *Personal Achievement Awards*

<b>F. Dow Smith Award</b>	<i>Rajni Singh</i>
<b>Dr. Hyman R. Kamens Award</b>	<i>Edgar Castro Aguilar</i>
<b>National Optometric Student Association Award</b>	<i>Kuljeet Singh</i> <i>James Brent Brown</i>
<b>Dr. Edward Joseph Troendle, Jr. Award</b>	<i>Richard S. Price</i>
<b>Alumni Association Award</b>	<i>Edgar Castro Aguilar</i>

## *Academic Awards*

<b>Valedictory and Beta Sigma Kappa Silver Medal</b>	<i>Katie M. Field</i>
<b>Salutatory</b>	<i>Micki M. Flynn</i>
<b>Advanced Standing International Program Scholastic Achievement Award</b>	<i>Geeta Chowdhary</i>
<b>William R. Baldwin Scholastic Achievement Award</b>	<i>Ting Liu</i>

## Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Society

*John Murray Adams\**  
*Michael Robert Adams*  
*Philip Michael Arsenaault\**  
*Baharak Asefzadeh*  
*Alison Ann Baikal*  
*Kayla B. Baker\**  
*Judith Melanie Balberan*  
*Nokhram Boodhoo*  
*Sarah Ann Boulais\**  
*Heather Anne Bourdeau\**  
*Jenette Lynn Cantrell\**  
*Michael D. Carstens*  
*Gene Chang\**  
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*Sarah Lindsay Durant*  
*Shirin A. Esmail\**  
*Katie M. Field\**  
*Micki M. Flynn\**  
*Matthew D. Foley*  
*Matthew James Francis*  
*Eva Fung*  
*Jane Bucci Hill\**  
*Krister L. Holmberg*  
*Nghi Nina Huynh*  
*Cheryl DePaolo Jost*  
*Kristin Schuster Kenney\**  
*Jacob Raymond Lang*  
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*Andrew Hoa Ly\**  
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*Thien Chu Pham*  
*Susan J. Pietz*  
*Richard S. Price\**  
*Mi-Jeong Shin*  
*Jamie Stonick\**  
*William Huyliem Trinh\**  
*Mieu Dong Vo*  
*Brendon Jon Weaver\**  
*Kimberly Dawn Woody\**

*\*Four-Year Participation*

## *Clinical Awards*

**Alcon Award**

*John Murray Adams*

**Asarkof Scholarship**

*Heather Anne Bourdeau*

**William C. Barrett Memorial  
Scholarship**

*James Brent Brown*

**College of Optometrists in Vision  
Development Award**

*Matthew Joseph Modderno*

**Class of 1969 Scholarship**

*Dennis J. Lin*

**Eschenbach Award for  
Excellence in Low Vision**

*Heather Anne Bourdeau*

**William Feinbloom  
Low Vision Award**

*Michael Robert Adams*

**David J. Kerko  
Low Vision Award**

*Emily Hope Workman*

**Marchon Eyewear Practice  
Management Award**

*Thien Chu Pham*

**The New England College  
of Optometry Clinic Award**

*Sarah Ann Boulais*

**RGP Lens Institute Award**

*Jacob Raymond Lang*

**Ira Schwartz Behavioral  
Vision Award**

*Micki M. Flynn*

**Vistakon Award of Excellence in  
Contact Lenses**

*Kristin Schuster Kenney*

**Vision Service Plan Award**

*Jacob Raymond Lang  
Philip Michael Arsenault*

## *Faculty Awards*

**Foster Namias Award**

*Dr. Maureen Hanley*

**Carroll Martus Award**

*Dr. Erik Weissberg*

## *Research Honors*

*Samala M. Khan  
Vandhana Sharda  
Kayla B. Baker*

## *Clinical Scholars*

*Kayla B. Baker  
Heather Anne Bourdeau  
Micki M. Flynn  
Jacob Raymond Lang  
Sukumar Pandit  
Kristin Schuster Kenney*

# Academic Heraldry

The caps, gowns and hoods worn at College functions have their origins in the robes worn by monks and students in the middle ages to keep out the cold and damp. Today, the academic regalia has been standardized by tradition and agreement among institutions of higher learning.

The gowns for bachelor degrees have long, pointed sleeves and are worn closed. Masters degree holders wear gowns with oblong sleeves open at the wrist. The gown may be worn open or closed. Gowns for the doctoral degree carry long velvet panels down the front and have three velvet bars on the full sleeves. The velvet may be black or of a color distinctive to the field of study for which the degree is given. Gowns are usually black, but a few institutions now prescribe colors representative of the school.

Caps, also called mortarboards, may be of cloth or, for the doctoral outfit, velvet. The tassel is black or of a color appropriate to the field of study. Doctoral tassels may be gold.

The colors on the hoods provide the institutional identity and signify the field of study. The style of the hood is specific to the degree level, with doctoral hoods being larger, with wider velvet borders, and with a panel at the back. The silk lining of the hood is in the institutional colors and the velvet borders signify the field of the degree. Commonly seen colors are:

Arts, letters, humanities:	white
Architecture:	brown
Dentistry:	lilac
Education:	light blue
Law:	purple
Library science:	lemon yellow
Medicine:	green
Optometry:	seafoam green
Philosophy:	dark blue
Public Administration:	peacock blue
Public Health:	salmon pink

# The New England College of Optometry

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# The Optometric Oath\*

With full deliberation I freely and solemnly pledge that:

I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.

I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standard, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

I will provide professional care for those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack proper care.

I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.

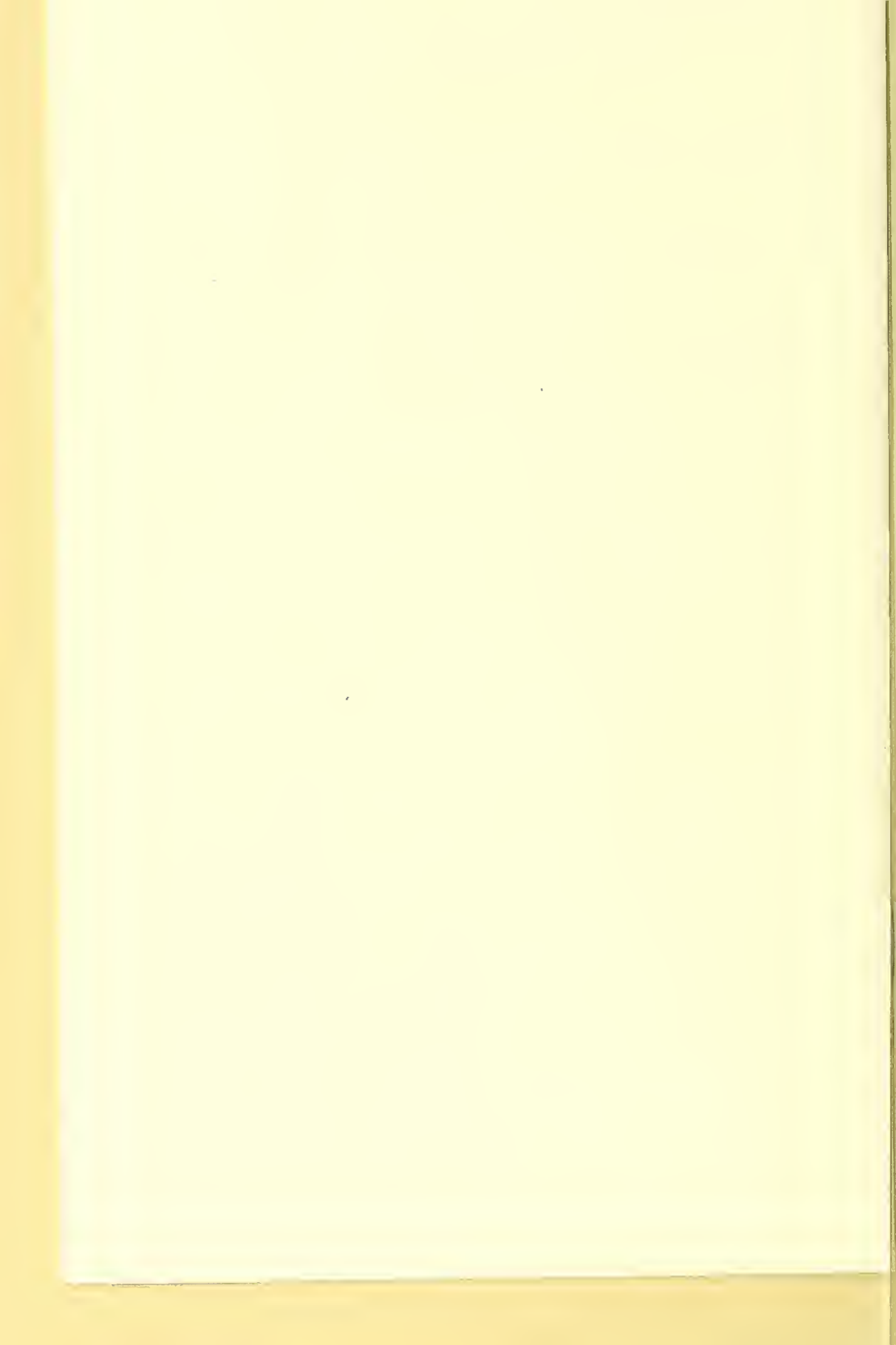
I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.

I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country and humankind as a citizen as well as an optometrist.

I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.

*\*Adopted by the American Optometric Association and by  
the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry*





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